

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) A method for assessing the performance of a hearing aid that includes an implanted hearing aid actuator comprising:

positioning a test measurement device external to a patient having an implanted hearing aid that includes a hearing aid actuator;

utilizing the test measurement device to obtain at least one impedance measure of the hearing aid actuator responsive to an electrical signal passing through the hearing aid actuator;

employing the at least one impedance measure to assess an interface between the actuator and a component of an auditory system of the patient; and

providing an electrical input to a positioning system responsive to said assessment of said interface, to selectively position the hearing aid actuator relative to the component of the auditory system.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the step of providing the electrical input comprises:

providing a wireless signal to the positioning system from a position external to the patient.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the step of providing the electrical input comprises:

inductively coupling the electrical input to the positioning system.

35. (Cancelled)